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AMENDMENT

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review dated April 10, 2006, and in conjunction with the filing of a Request For Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.